

House Resolution No. 101

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

Whereas, born on January 18, 1905, into the family of E.J. and Nellie Rice, Marcella McKinney will celebrate her One Hundredth Birthday with a gathering of family members and friends at Houston House Nursing Center in Houston, Missouri, on January 15, 2005; and

Whereas, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, the former Marcella Rice established a family of her own through her joyful marriage to Charles “Debo” McKinney who loved and cherished her with all of his heart; and

Whereas, the marital union of Marcella and Debo McKinney was blessed with five wonderful children, Verda, Charles, Debo, Gerold, and Harold; twelve grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Marcella McKinney admirably helped provide for her family’s needs and wants through her endeavors as a rural school teacher and operator of a laundry facility; and

Whereas, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Marcella McKinney enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America’s preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Marcella McKinney:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the One Hundredth Birthday of Marcella McKinney and to convey to her this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Marcella McKinney of Houston, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Wells
District No. 147

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 101, adopted January 13, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker